
Medication Reference:

Naloxone (Narcan)

Class

Narcotic antagonist.

Actions

Blocks the effects of both natural and synthetic narcotics and may reverse respiratory depression.

Indications

- Suspected narcotic/opiate overdose.
- Coma of unknown etiology.

Protocol Reference

B1, B2, B3, C4, D1



Contraindications

Known hypersensitivity.

Precautions

- This medication has a half-life shorter than most narcotics, thus allowing the patient to return to the overdose state.
- May induce opiate withdrawal in patients that are physically dependent.

Adverse Reactions

Nausea / Vomiting.

Adult Dosage / Route

- 2.0 mg IV push or IM.
- Maximum of 8.0 mg.



Pediatric Dosage / Route

- 0.1 mg/kg IVP / IO / IM / ET.
- Maximum single dose of 2.0 mg IV/IO.

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